

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

5 A process and diastereomeric salts useful for the
optical resolution of racemic α -[4-(1,1-
dimethylethyl)phenyl]-4-(hydroxydiphenylmethyl)-1-
piperidinebutanol, 4-[4-[4-(hydroxydiphenylmethyl)-1-
piperidinyl]-1-hydroxybutyl]- α,α -dimethylbenzeneacetic acid
10 and lower alkyl 4-[4-[4-(hydroxydiphenylmethyl)-1-
piperidinyl]-1-hydroxybutyl]- α,α -dimethylbenzeneacetates.
The process comprises placing into solution a chiral
resolving agent, either (+)/(-)-di-paratoluoyltartaric acid
or (-)/(+)-mandelic acid, in an amount equimolar to a
15 compound corresponding to the desired enantiomer of the
above compound, precipitating the resulting diastereomeric
salt between the chiral resolving agent and the target
enantiomer and separating the enantiomer.

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